

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED IN WRECK

CHRISTMAS "SPIRIT" DRIES UP ON BROADWAY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARNS NIGHT CLUBS IN SERIES OF RAIDS

Many Cabarets Will Be
Padlocked Soon Says
Buckner

New York, Dec. 24.—Broadway's stocking (silk of course) was filled with government Christmas presents today.

Forty-one summonses charging violation of the liquor laws had been left over-night by a Santa Claus who closely resembled Emory R. Buckner, U. S. District Attorney at 41 supper clubs and cafes.

With each was a credit card on which it was more or less agreeably stated that the gift could and probably would be exchanged for a padlock within twenty days.

It is authoritatively learned that each present was not inscribed with the following Yule tide message:

"Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—Emory."

But such a message might well have been given. For as astute statisticians have figured, 20 days from December 23 is January 12 and Christmas eve and New Year's eve are sandwiched in between these two dates.

In the meantime, federal agents will make no attempts to close the gilded cabarets, restaurants, supper clubs and "speak easies."

Last night's visits by the men of Buckner constituted the largest single drive since the federal attorney introduced the padlock into prohibition enforcement.

Some of the night clubs soon to be made arid have blossomed forth on the same spot where another night club recently was padlocked.

This was the case with the Club Kentucky, a luxuriously furnished cabaret which began operation after the Club Hollywood, a previous tenant had been forced out of business.

Among the better known resorts to arouse the interest of Buckner were the Maxine Supper Club, equipped with a dozen "hostesses," the White Horse Tavern, whose exterior architecture is that of an old English inn, the Chummy Club, which boasts it has not had an empty table in months and the Texas Tommy, reported to be managed by Tommy Guinan, brother of Texas Guinan, who recently held high revel as hostess of the Del Ray Club.

Two of the clubs, "The Cozy Step Inn" and "Hop Up" have the same address. One is on the second floor of the Madison Avenue building and the other is on the third floor.

The "Hop Up" opened only last Saturday. An announcement was issued which described in detail the blissful brass rail of the bars of pre-Volstead days.

"Free lunch 'n everything," was advertised.

"Breakfast? Ugh, no!" protested Broadway when it had examined its presents. "Just bring me a pitcher of water, a towel and some ice."

REPORTED NEW YORK WOMAN ARCHITECT IS BEING HELD AS SPY

State Department Asked to
Aid Effort To Release
Woman

New York, Dec. 24.—Aid of the state department in obtaining release of Mrs. Ella Briggs, New York woman architect, reported held incommunicado in Palermo has been asked to the Architectural Book Publishing Company of this city.

The publishing company informed the United Press today it has word via Berlin that Mrs. Briggs was held and charged with being a spy.

Paul Wenzel, the company explained that she had been sent last summer to Italy under contract to get pictures of Italian Renaissance structures for use in publications of the concern.

His advice were that the woman had already been held for two weeks but the state department was planning to send an attorney to Palermo to assist in her release.

"Mrs. Briggs is an American and her trip had absolutely nothing to do with the German government," Wenzel declared.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Private wires from Palermo today said that Mrs. Ella Briggs, an American, taking pictures in Sicily for the New York firm of Wenzel, had been arrested charged with espionage for Germany.

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ROAST TURKEY OR MULLIGAN?

Nickel or \$8 Will
Satisfy Appetite
Christmas

New York, Dec. 24.—From the standpoint of getting filled to the brim with food it doesn't make much difference on Christmas Day whether you're broke or plutocratic.

For instance here's what you can get for a nickel, at one of "Mr. Zero's" Tubs.

Vegetable Soup.
Turkey Mulligan.
Cranberries.
Whole wheat, white raisin and rye bread.

Cakes, doughnuts, pies.
Coffee.
Fruit and hard candy.

And here's what you can get for \$8 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel:

Canape of Caviar.
Clear green turtle soup.
Salted Almonds, celery, ripe olives.
Roast Turkey, chestnut stuffing.
Brussels sprouts and sweet potatoes.

Waldorf Salad.
Plum pudding, hard sauce and assorted cakes.

Coffee.
Eugene, the chef at the Waldorf, explained to the United Press how the turkey and stuffing should be prepared.

"Select a nice fourteen pound bird," said Eugene. "Wash and clean well. Stuff; truss the bird and set in a moderate oven. Cook slowly, until tender. The stuffing is made by opening the shells of 2 1/4 pounds of chestnuts, immersing them for a few seconds in smoking fat; peeling them and almost completely cooking them in consommé. Then mix them with two pounds of very finely chopped pork rubbed through a 'tammy'."

Mike, the poetic cook at the "Tub" also explained, but less explicitly how the "turkey mulligan" piece de resistance of Bowery meals, was made.

"Yuh take you some turkey and meat 'n' whatever else yuh happen to have," said Mike. "An' let 'er cook. That's all they is to it."

RAILROAD BRIDGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

New Lexington, O., Dec. 24.—Traffic on the Shawnee branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was tied up today while workmen rushed construction of a new bridge, two miles south of Junction City to replace one destroyed by fire.

The bridge was discovered ablaze by farmers several hours after the last regular train of the day had passed over it. Railway officials were inclined to the belief that train wreckers were responsible for the fire, although there was nothing to substantiate this.

The bridge, valued at \$15,000 was destroyed.

AUTHOR DIES

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Alice Harriman, author of "The Man of Two Countries" and widely known as a magazine writer and publisher, died of pneumonia at her home here today after a brief illness.

Mrs. Harriman was born in Newport, Maine, March 12, 1861. She was head of the Alice Harriman Company, book publishers with offices at Seattle and New York City.

KILLED BY BLAST

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—John Struthers, a hostler, was killed today when a Norfolk and Western locomotive exploded here. Struthers was hurled 150 feet.

The boiler was blown from the engine and plowed a hole in the ground 50 feet away.

"The Adoration of the Magi"



Of real gold and silver are the gifts of the three magi in this work of art now on exhibition in the Munich Museum. It depicts the adoration of the magi on Christmas morn and exemplifies the good wishes of the season.

So This Is Christmas!

Wind sweeps snow across the open breadth of Main and Detroit Sts. as nature adds the traditional cloaking to another Christmas Day.

From the safety of gale-swept corners, timorous pedestrians venture forth to negotiate the crossings. Loaded baskets and arms filled with bundles bespeak the Christmas shopper.

A mechanical train in a shop window gayly follows its tracked course oblivious of the storms that clog the rails of its big brothers.

Wistful eyed children gaze amazed at the mechanical contrivance negotiates curves, hills and tunnels. Noses are flattened at window panes while wide-eyed youngsters drink in the wonders of oddly contrived acrobats, doing their mechanical tricks to the delight of childhood.

Shoppers collide with each other and back away with a merry smile and a good-natured apology. A man gives a news boy a quarter and tells him to keep the change. Social agencies are abroad doing their kind deeds in the name of charity and for the benefit of the poor and needy.

And in the evening tired clerks, revived by the enthusiasm of the atmosphere, halt lagging steps to spend earnings for bits of Christmas cheer.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-five years ago a Babe was born in a stable on the outskirts of Bethlehem and the world was given a Saviour to lead it from chaos.

In His name now, charity lives in the acts and deeds of a material-seeking people and the spirit of "peace on earth, good will to men," first heard by the shepherds guarding their flocks, is born in the breasts of a calloused nation.

"Faith, Hope and Charity," said the Christ, "and the greatest of these is Charity." And nineteen hundred years of war, revolution and the overthrow of standard governments, the tribute to vice and license, the mad rush for worldly goods, the progress of civilization, the skepticism of a sceptic age and the temptations that beset mankind, have failed to shake faith in the mandate.

Nineteen hundred years have taught the world that when the Nativity does not inspire the hearts of men, then all indeed is lost.

ARISING EARLY IN VAIN EFFORT TO SEE SANTA IS RECALLED BY NEWTON BAKER

Arising early for church on Christmas morning in the vain effort to see Santa Claus in the flesh, is the outstanding Christmas boyhood recollection of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in the Wilson Cabinet.

Recalling his experience to the United Press today Baker said: "I had a Catholic nurse maid, when I was a youngster. She would arise at 4 a.m. on Christmas to attend early mass. She induced me to get up at the same time to go to church and held out the inducement that I might catch Santa Claus. I did this for several years, hoping each year to be successful. I never was."

E. L. Doheny, millionaire oil man of California, says the Christmas which made the most lasting impression on him, are those during his early years as a prospector.

"I remember the Christmas day of 1880 very well," he said. "Four other men and I were prospecting down in New Mexico. I was 24 then. It was December

XMAS SPIRIT GONE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The spirit of Christmas (liquid) may be found in downtown Chicago—but not in the out lying district. Federal Judge Adam Cliff issued 40 injunctions closing that number of cafes and road houses in the Chicago suburban districts.

24, before we realized we had neglected to provide larder for Christmas day. I took my Sharpe's rifle, an octagonal barrel, eleven pound gun and we went out to see what we could find.

"I came across tracks of some deer, trailed them for six miles and finally jumped a herd of eight bucks. I dropped two of them and needless to say, five hungry prospectors enjoyed their Christmas breakfast, dinner and supper, the next day as only rugged, hard-working and half famished men could enjoy it."

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YULE TIDE SPIRIT TO PREVAIL THOUGH MINERS ON STRIKE

Charitable Agencies Bear
Proof Of Santa To
To Suffering

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—Some 25,000 undernourished and half clad kids in the hard coal hills will have proof tomorrow that there is a Santa Claus.

Brilliantly lighted Christmas trees in the public squares of every village throughout the district will flash defiance of the conditions of poverty brought about by the fifteen weeks strike in the anthracite mines. Relief organizations have raised nearly \$100,000 that the God of Christmas Tide would not fail this year.

In the spirit of the season, merchants who have been unable to collect from most of their customers, for weeks, have turned over bread, canned goods, coffee and fruits to dispensing organizations.

Every town will hold a celebration around the public Christmas tree tonight and presents will be doled out to fathers and mothers as well as their children. There will be no tin drums or wooden soldiers to march across the hearths, but there will be plenty of bread and soup.

WOULD PAY WAY OF MOTHERS TO FRANCE

Washington, Dec. 24.—Pilgrimage of War Mothers to the graves of their sons in France at government expense was proposed today by Rep. Fish, of New York.

Fish has presented to the house a bill authorizing the secretary of war to "arrange as soon as practicable" for a visit to the cemeteries in France, of mothers of the more than one thousand soldiers and sailors buried there. A similar bill was reported favorably to the house in the last congress.

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OHIO ENVELOPED IN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ON EVE OF NATIVITY

Public Wards Benefit As
Cheer Is Spread By
Charitable

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Yule Tide spirit of good fellowship enveloped Ohio today bringing cheer and happiness to the lowliest and the elite, to the underprivileged and the fortunate.

Seven million persons, representing the population of the state were expected to benefit in some manner or fashion by the anniversary commemorating the birth of Christ.

Not only the indigent and the rich have benefited, or will, but the public wards—inmates of prisons, asylums and other institutions—will learn that the magnanimity of Saint Nicholas is not a myth.

A million voices—young and old—will carol tidings of the season tonight in municipal and religious services.

Today and tomorrow charitable organizations will unlash their purse strings and dole out more than \$2,000,000 to bring happiness to the poverty stricken.

This morning, according to dispatches received here, found the eleventh hour Christmas buyers storming mercantile establishments and postoffices throughout the state congested to overflowing with gifts yet to be delivered.

Kris Kringle, for thousands, will be in the guise of lodge organizations which will leave behind a trail of food-stuffs and fuel.

Plans for the care of the unfortunate have been prepared in every community on the usual extensive scale. The demand for Christmas charity, a survey revealed, is about on a par with previous years and pocketbooks for this purpose, have been opened with the usual celerity.

Most of the state today was in the full swing of holiday activity with numerous community trees, forming the back ground for holiday festivities.

Foremost amongst the organizations aiding in disseminating Yule Tide cheer, were the Elk, Masons, Knight of Columbus and other lodges.

Added to these will be the Salvation Army which, perhaps has fed and clothed more persons and extended more Christmas cheer than any charitable organization in the United States.

Almost every church, with few exceptions, took up collections for the poor and entertained indigent children around Christmas trees.

Santa Claus and his legion of emulators was in evidence everywhere. Almost every community will have a group of carol singers. Thousands of these will carry Christmas cheer to the "shut-ins," orphans and inmates of other institutions.

For the first time in several years, state and federal prohibition officers, have not announced stringent measures to suppress the holiday liquor traffic. While vigilance will be maintained, the usual amount of liquid cheer is expected to flow, regardless of measures to halt it.

ALLEGED SLAYER GIVES HIMSELF UP

Cleveland, Dec. 24.—Frank Clark, 40, of Marion, Ohio, wanted in connection with the killing of Edward Ward who was shot to death in the home of his estranged wife, walked into police station this morning and surrendered.

Ward was killed Wednesday, when he went to his wife's home seeking a reconciliation.

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HEAD-ON COLLISION RESULTS IN INJURY TO MANY PASSENGERS

Three Firemen Killed When
Truck Skids On Slick
Street

Moncks Corner, S. C., Dec. 24.—The Havana Special, crack Atlantic Coast Line train, collided head-on with the West Indian limited here today, killing four members of the crew.

The Havana special was carrying a number of visitors from Florida to Washington and northern points.

Among them was John W. Weeks, former secretary of war and his wife Weeks was slightly cut on the head.

Both engineers and firemen of the two trains were killed as the trains crashed together. The locomotives tumbled down a short embankment while most of the coaches left the rails but none overturned.

It was believed that aside from bruises, the majority of the passengers escaped unhurt. Secretary Weeks and his wife were in the last car of the North Bound train.

A number of negroes in the dining car on the Havana Special were injured.

The crash took place about two miles from Moncks Corners. Word was rushed to Charleston, 27 miles away and wrecking crews with doctors and nurses were brought here by special train.

FIREMEN KILLED

Norwell, Mass., Dec. 24.—Three firemen were killed and two others seriously injured here early today when the combination truck on which they were speeding to a fire skidded on a slippery street and overturned.

The dead: Frank R. Hall, George Burrows, Hubert McDermott.

The injured: William Coburn, Malcolm Hall, Jr.

PROPOSE SEALING MINE IN EFFORT TO EXTINGUISH FIRE

Mine Bureau Chief Directs
Work Of Fire
Fighter

Bellaire, O., Dec. 24.—Still burning furiously, the Webb Coal Company's Cambria mine in which nine workers perished early yesterday may be sealed today in a final effort to extinguish the flames.

Jerome Watson, chief of the Ohio Bureau of Mines, who is directing the fire fighters, said the flames were confined to the main entry and that unless they were extinguished within the next few hours the mine would be sealed.

Bodies of the miners who were asphyxiated yesterday were trapped on a stairway leading to the main shaft, 700 feet in a morgue here this morning pending a mass funeral which probably will be held late this afternoon or tomorrow.

Watson, this morning said the flames had penetrated the mine to a depth of 200 feet, consuming superstructure, equipment and piercing the coal walls.

Eighty men, working in three shifts were combating the flames.

Officials have determined definitely that the blaze was caused when a boiler fell, severing a high-power transmission circuit, the sparks from which ignited the coal gas.

CITIES RAISE FUND TO FIGHT NEW RATE

Marion, O., Dec. 24.—The raising of a fund of \$15,000 with which to fight the proposed rate increase of the Logan Gas Company, was started today according to Grant E. Mouser, Jr., city solicitor.

Eighteen of the seventy-two towns affected by the hike have agreed to aid the project Mouser said.

The fund will be used to employ W. H. Wiss, Cincinnati appraisal engineer to appraise the property of the company and ascertain values believed to be more correct than the company's appraisal.

The cities contributing to the fund included:

Bellevue \$475; Galion \$554; Lorain \$2,180; Chillicothe \$1,075; Circleville \$402; Findlay \$897; Tiffin \$1,053; and Elyria \$1,466.

CHINESE STUDENTS RIOT IN BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Chinese students of Berlin rioted in a restaurant following word of the reported capture of Tien Tsin by Gen. Feng Yuh Siang.

Beer glasses, plates and cups were freely used and ten of the rioters who were from the communist and Democratic ranks were injured before the police could intervene.

Santa Claus Lives Forever Says Famous Letter

"Is there a Santa Claus?" Thus wrote little Virginia O'Hanlon twenty-five years ago to the New York Sun.

If Virginia O'Hanlon still lives she is probably reading to her children this Christmas, the answer to her question of long ago as written by Francis P. Church, then a member of Charles A. Dana's staff.

As long as Mr. Dana lived he had Church's letter reprinted annually at Christmas time. It solves the enigma on the lips of youth, answers the cynics of adolescent manhood and womanhood, freshens the hope of the middle-aged and proves the faith in the humanity of the very old.

It is herewith reprinted: We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so."

Please tell me the truth! Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon.

is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, is measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus.

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We

should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen or unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. It is all real! Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

—The New York Sun.

SALE DATES RESERVED
Jan. 14—J. W. Carter.

Home Wife vs. Office Wife

Should a girl who works in an office keep on working there after her marriage, in order to help her husband financially?

Young husbands and wives all over the country are facing this problem today. It is the theme of



VIOLET DARE

The Bread and Butter Wife

the best married life serial ever written

By VIOLET DARE

The characters are the kind of people we all know. Sally Lee, the heroine, is a high class secretary before she marries Tom Porter, a real estate salesman. Her sister, Emily, marries Jack Sawyer at the same time, and gives up her position with a fashionable interior decorator to become a home wife.

VIOLET DARE handles the problem ably and delightfully. Her name is already well known to readers. She is the author of *The Half-Time Wife*, *A Wife on Leave*, *My Matrimonial Vacation*, and many other married life serials that have run in this and other newspapers throughout the country.

THE BREAD AND BUTTER WIFE will run for eight weeks in six daily installments averaging eight hundred and fifty words. It is attractively illustrated by Marguerite Neale.

STARTING IN

The Evening Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Morning Republican

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

BEGIN WITH THE FIRST INSTALLMENT

Social-Personal-Clubs

THE NICEST courtesy you can show your guests is to have their visit mentioned on this page. The nicest courtesy you can show your friends is to let them learn of your visit through this page when ever you go away. The Gazette and Republican consider it a courtesy whenever you turn in an item of any kind. PHONE 70.

CLUB MEMBERS ARE GUESTS AT XMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Manor entertained the members of the J. F. F. Club with a Christmas party at their home on the Van Eaton Road, Friday evening.

The Manor home was decorated with the prevailing holiday suggestions and a huge glistening Christmas tree was lighted in the living room, loaded with pretty gifts and ornaments. The guests by Santa Claus.

Two contests were participated in and prizes were won by Mrs. Warren Keiter, Miss Edith Jackson and Mr. Charles Strain. Home-made candy, apples and popcorn balls were served. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pennewit, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McCoy and children; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Keiter and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fawcett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Soward and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strain and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strain and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Thompson and son, Mrs. LeFolke, the Misses Edith Jackson, Ruth, Thelma and Thelma Peete, Messrs. Hammon, Hammon, Zack Reynolds, Dean Moore, Harold Elbert Manor.

FIRST U. P. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY

Annual Christmas entertainment of the Bible School, First U. P. Church, was held at the church Wednesday evening. On the platform, three elaborately decorated and electrically lighted Christmas trees together with poinsettias, greens and a beautiful star placed high upon the pipe organ combined to make the setting most appropriate.

Following opening numbers by the choir, the White Gift offering was received. Playlets, exercises, recitations and songs by tiny tots and older boys and girls made up a most delightful program of entertainment. Presently the jingle of sleigh bells announced the arrival of Santa, who appeared heavily loaded with candies and fruits for all.

CHURCH CLASS IS ENTERTAINED BY TEACHER

Mrs. Warren Clouse opened her home on North Detroit Street, Wednesday afternoon to members of her class of the First M. E. Church.

The Clouse home was decked in holly and bells with other Christmas pinks. Each young girl member of the class brought a gift to the party and exchanged presents about a Christmas tree.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED EVENING PARTIES

Miss Bertha Hyman celebrated her birthday with dinner and cards at her home on East Market Street, Wednesday evening. Members of the Hyman family were entertained at dinner and guests arrived for cards later. Miss Barbara Little won the high prize. Cards were followed by two course luncheon, with seasonable appointments.

Miss Hyman's guests included: The Misses Anna Louise Jones, Maud Winn Monroe, Elizabeth Stout, Mary Hamlin, Virginia Heathman, Elizabeth Bickett and Barbara Little.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. ARY

Members of Mrs. John Ary's Sunday School Class were hospitably entertained at her home on North Monroe Street, Thursday afternoon, at a Christmas party.

Twelve young girls attended the party. The Ary home was appointed in Christmas colors with a beautifully decorated tree the main attraction. A snow house with Santa Claus centered the dining room table.

SANTA PAYS VISIT TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. W. A. Galloway enacted the role of Santa Claus, when he appeared to delight children of the First Presbyterian Church at the annual Christmas party at the church Wednesday night.

After the program by the children, Santa distributed candy, oranges and nuts and a general good time followed.

COUNTY WARDS ARE GUESTS AT ENTERTAINMENT

Older boys and girls of the Greene County Children's Home were guests of members of the First Baptist Church, at the annual Christmas party at the church, Wednesday evening.

The church was filled for the program. Santa arrived after the program and distributed a "treat."

FRIENDS' PROGRAM WELL ATTENDED

Delightful time was enjoyed by a large audience, composed of members of the Friends Church, when the annual Christmas program was presented Wednesday evening.

The program consisted of a cantata by the choir and recitations and plays by the primary department.

LOCAL O. E. S. CHAPTER INVITED

Members of Aldora Chapter, No. 262 D. E. S., have received an invitation from Norris Chapter, Springfield, O., to a Christmas dancing party, December 25 at the Springfield Masonic Temple at 9 p. m.

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

A departure from the usual Christmas song service will mark the concert by Xenia Choral Society at the First M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Members of the choral society will render Christmas carols of the various nations. The public is invited.

Miss Helen Fitzsimmons, who is on nursing duty in Cincinnati, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzsimmons, Cincinnati Ave.

Mr. E. R. Bryant will arrive home Thursday night from Dearborn, Mich., where he has been located some time, to spend Christmas and the week end with his family.

Friends of Mrs. George C. Stokes, are glad to know she continues to recover from pneumonia at the McClellan Hospital.

Miss Virginia Sellers, W. Church St., is in Marshallville, O., attending the marriage of Miss Ruth Clinton, formerly of Xenia, to Mr. William E. Crites, which took place Thursday. Miss Sellers will remain there over the week end.

Mr. Orlando Spriggs, clerk at the Xenia Postoffice, is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur C. McCormick, will spend the Christmas holidays in Cincinnati and vicinity, returning Sunday.

MERCHANTS REPORT CHRISTMAS BUYING GREATER THAN EVER

An increased volume of Christmas business with public taste running the gamut from luxurious and impractical gifts to useful, practical presents is reflected in the holiday business trade in Xenia this month, local merchants say.

While merchants are not as a whole in agreeing upon the average type of gifts purchased this year, there exists a consensus of opinion that Christmas buying has been placed on a higher plane than ever, more shopping has been done earlier and increased sales are reported.

Xenia's increased Christmas trade has been brisk but is only an example of similar conditions in cities throughout the country, it is said.

Mr. Average Citizen evidently is more prosperous, has more money to buy, and is spending it more than in previous years.

Merchants believe shoppers are tending more and more, year by year, to the practical rather than the ornamental gifts although there is a big demand for both forms of presents.

The Xenia Post Office has been literally deluged with Christmas packages and letters and the volume of mail being handled is easily greater than the past few years. Postal employees and letter carriers will enjoy a holiday Christmas for the first time in history. No rural or city deliveries will be made and the few employees to be on duty Christmas will work in shifts.

MEMORIAL TREE IS STOLEN FROM YARD

An unknown culprit was so anxious to possess a Christmas tree that he entered the Schweibold garden, Cincinnati Ave., and cut down a small pine tree. The tree was cut down several nights ago.

Owners of the garden regret the loss of the tree since it was planted by a deceased member of their family. It is suspected that a young boy cut the tree down.

FIREMEN CALLED AS SMOKE FILLED HOUSE

Responding to an alarm turned in by a passerby at the residence of W. J. Morris, Leaman Street, Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, firemen found the house filled with smoke but no fire. No damage resulted.

A zinc tub filled with burning wood, placed in the cellar to thaw out a frozen water meter, resulted in smoke filling the upper floor rooms, attracting attention.

JEWEL ROBBERY IS BELIEVED SOLVED

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 24—James F. Duck was under arrest here today in connection with a \$15,000 jewelry store holdup at LaSalle, Ill., last November.

Duck was arrested by detectives who had received information from LaSalle that Duck would be found in a hotel here. Duck denied the charge. He will be taken to Ottawa, Ill., from here probably tonight.

INFANT DIES

Mary Nelle Barnes, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Barnes, 711 South Chestnut Street, who died soon after birth Tuesday night, was buried in St. Brigid's Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

CHRISTMAS EVE FINDS CITY READY FOR GREAT DAY AFTER BUYING FEST

Christmas eve, the period of anticipation of expected Christmas joys, finds Xenians making last minute preparations for the day in common with the rest of country.

Countless Christmas trees are in evidence, the city has taken on a gala appearance, thousands of gifts have been purchased and the last minute rush for presents is not as noticeable as in former years.

Christmas eve is almost as much of an institution as Christmas day itself. Final preparations are made and it is awaited with almost as much impatience as Christmas day, even if it is preliminary.

The Elks Lodge annual treat for

the underprivileged children of the city takes the front rank in the Yule-tide celebration in Xenia. Some 300 boys and girls will be made happy Christmas by the distribution of presents, toys and candy in the morning.

The brightly decorated Christmas tree is in evidence and children are tending to enjoy the Elks' charity as asked to form in a line at East Second and Whiteman Streets at 9 a. m. Xenia Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will distribute appropriate gifts to wards of the County Children's Home and aged people at the County Infirmary, following its annual custom with funds raised at a recent benefit picture show.

Distribution of Christmas gifts will be made Thursday night instead of Christmas morning, it is announced. Members are asked to meet at the Aerie hall at 7 p. m. and all Eagles are urged to make arrangements to go. The party will be accompanied to the county institutions by the Rev. W. H. Tilford, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Wards at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home will have their annual celebration furnished by welfare organizations, and gifts will be distributed.

Community celebration of some kind will be held in different parts of the county and with the weatherman's gruff hint of possible colder weather and a probability of snow Friday, hopes of a "White Christmas" prevail.

EX-PRIZE FIGHTER TO SPEAK AT CHURCH

Joe Precente, 53, former lightweight boxing champion of the world, will appear at the First Baptist Church, this city, the evening of January 17, according to the Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor.

Precente was converted a number of years ago and since that time is devoting all his time between boxing engagements, to telling the story of his life. He is a boxing instructor and now filling an engagement at the Y. M. C. A. Dayton.

PLANS TWENTY FIFTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Joe Roundtree, superintendent of the Middle Run Baptist Church, East End, is making arrangements for the twenty-fifth Christmas entertainment of which he has had charge.

Mr. Roundtree has been superintendent of the Middle Run Sunday School for more than thirty years and has supervised the Christmas festivities for at least twenty-five years.

During the week, he is janitor at the Commercial Bank Building.

NOTICE

Mrs. Wilbur Street wishes to announce that she is still in the Detroit Street Merchants' Contest, and that she is not connected with any organization partaking in the contest. All wishing to give their votes to her please notify her or leave votes at the Regan Embroidery Shop, E. Second St.

On The Air From Cincinnati

That old-time jingle, "The Night Before Christmas" will be heard again Thursday night, over WLW Cincinnati at 6:30 o'clock. Another Christmas favorite will be "The Other Wise Man," by Van Dyke, a reading by Louis John Johnson with a musical setting by an instrumental trio will be given at 11 o'clock from this station.

Christmas carols will be sung from St. Peter's Cathedral with mass sung by the Most Rev. Timothy McNicholas Archbishop of Cincinnati and sermon by the Very Rev. E. S. Olsen, Columbus, O., at 11:40.

Hotel Gibson Orchestra will play through WLW at 7 o'clock, followed by lessons in bridge at 7:30. The Gibson orchestra concert will be continued at 7:40 and popular dance music will be heard from Castle Farm with a community carol sing at 10 o'clock.

Christmas carol service, direct from Grace Church, New York City with a choir under the direction of Clarence Mitchell, choir master, will be broadcast through WSAI at 7 o'clock. WSAI studios will give a musical program at 8 o'clock and a surprise program is announced from New York for 8:30. "O, Wondrous Star," a story of the Three Wise Kings in Bethlehem will be heard at 9 o'clock.

Christmas carols will be heard over WKRC from 5 p. m. to 9. A classical program will be given at 9 o'clock from this station.

KILLED BY BROTHER

Youngstown, O., Dec. 24.—Thorpe Liddle, 17, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother, James while hunting near Poland today.



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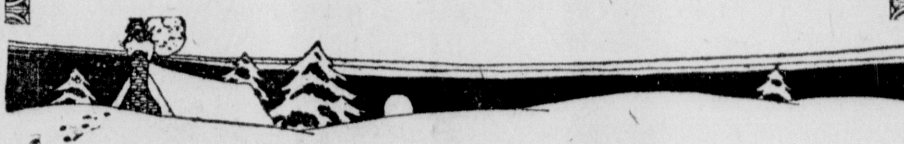
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

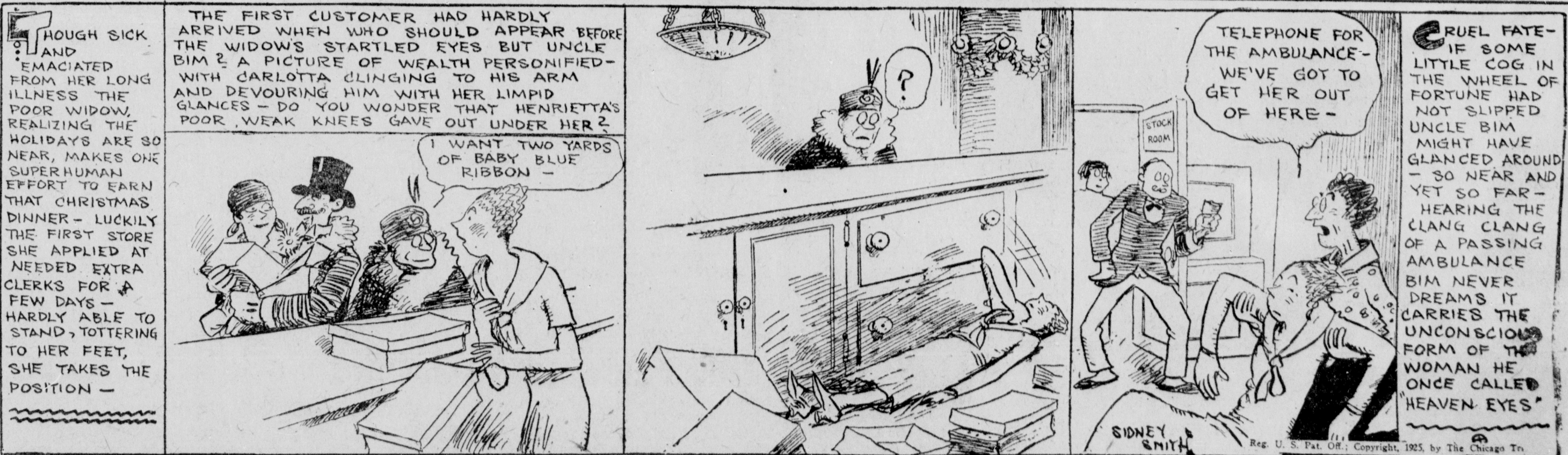


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THE GUMPS—SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT



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THEY'LL NEVER GET THE MONEY.

A FORMER American minister to Colombia has deposited \$10 in a bank in that South American country at compound interest, with the provision that 1000 years hence the accumulated sum is to be spent in the best interests of Colombia and the United States.

Barring the unforeseen and the uncertainties of this life, the bank at the expiration of the ten centuries will pay over to an eminent committee \$5,574,523,952, representing the principal and earnings of the \$10 deposit.

About 1780 a Frenchman conceived a similar scheme, placing a small sum in a Paris bank at compound interest and setting a time two hundred years later for its payment to his heirs. The French Revolution chanced along and wiped out billions of potential francs.

Some similar fate will probably fall to the Colombian "bequest." Legal difficulties may interfere. The Colombia bank may fail. The deposit may be forgotten. A number of things might happen, and many things will happen. One thing only is certain and that is none now living will witness the collection of the money should it survive its period of deposit.

Five quadrillions of dollars is more money than the world possesses, not excluding Germany's paper marks and Russia's paper rubles, which fact causes one to wonder what the two beneficiary nations of the fund would do with the money if they ever get it. Strained diplomatic relations and even war might result from the division of the fund, thus defeating the worthy purpose of the donor.

DANGER IN ILLITERACY

NO NEED to wonder why the wrong man sometimes gets into public office and why foolish laws so often get on the statute books to pester and persecute the public when it is revealed that 4,500,000 illiterates are entitled to vote.

An illiterate man or woman—one who can neither read nor write—can not be expected to vote intelligently. The judgment of an illiterate is at the best very bad and people who can not read or write their own language can not be expected to think for themselves nor to form reasonable convictions. They form an irresistible temptation for unscrupulous politicians and are the involuntary tools of mob rule.

The nation can not be proud of such a vast army of illiterate citizens nor can it shut its eyes to the challenge that lies in that army. Lax immigration restrictions can not be blamed because 3,000,000 of the illiterate voters are native born.

Great numbers of men and women on every election day ask for aid in making their ballots at the polls. This is necessary if they are to vote for they can read neither the names of the candidates nor the directions for voting. These numbers of assisted voters prove that the illiterate electors are voting, although they are not mentally qualified.

The constitution of the United States grants every citizen the right to vote irrespective of education, race, color or religious creed. No tolerant American would wish otherwise. So there is but one remedy, for the menace of the illiterate voter and that is compulsory education for the voters of the present as well as of the future.

A vote by intelligence is nullified by a vote by ignorance.

CALENDAR POSSIBILITY.

IT IS just barely possible that two years hence we shall be closing the last of the 12-month years. In the event that there is not such a consummation we may be preparing to enter on a year with 12 months but a year with four quarters of equal number of days. Both plans are suggested as means for reformation of the calendar. The League of Nations has had a committee at work to bring about a general agreement of the nations to remove the irregular features from the present calendar and the movement is being assisted by interests entirely outside of the League.

Two years hence the year will open on Sunday. That is regarded as a favorable time to inaugurate such an innovation as is proposed. The plan of a year of 13 months of four weeks each has often been advocated and is well understood. The alternative suggested is for retention of the 12 months but to readjust the number of days to the months to make the quarters of equal length. This might be done by making the quarter consist of two months of 30 days each and a third month of 31 days. In either arrangement there would be an extra day in the year to be disposed of.

The forces behind the movement are such as may make headway. The chief obstacle to be overcome, possibly, is the reluctance of mankind to turn from old ways even if the new would be more convenient, once it were established. We may not be called upon to readjust ourselves to a new scheme for measurement of the year by months, yet it is a possibility. It is at least being undertaken seriously.

Just Folks
BY EDGAR A. GUEST

THE MIND

The mind no limitation knows of time or space.
It has no rim to reach and overflow.
No boundary past which it cannot go.
One cannot overcrowd its walls with grace.
For each new bit of wisdom finds its place.

A mountain peak spills down its piled up snow,
But there's no end to what the mind can know.
It has not one dimension man can trace.

Though one should add a new thought every day
And pile on wisdom; newer wisdom still,
The caverns of his mind he'd never fill.
Safe for his use 'twould all be stored away.
Ready to serve his purpose and his will.
Nor once overflow as rivers must and may.

THE WET NURSE

THE CITIZEN WHO PATRONIZES THE BOOT LEGGER

1905-Twenty Years Ago-1925

Mr. Spencer Miller, Columbus, formerly engaged as a barber at Wood and Mullens, is spending a few days in Xenia.

Mr. George Graham, who has been ill with malarial fever, is out again after having suffered a relapse a week or two ago.

Mr. Charles Hall, student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, arrived in Xenia to spend the holidays.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the Sunday School of Trinity M. E. Church took place Tuesday night.

Ernest Hustmyer, a Xenia boy, will appear in the comedy, "Brown's In Town," which appears at the Opera House Thursday.

Efficient Housekeeping
By Laura A. Kirkman

DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TABLE
TOMORROW'S MENU

Breakfast
Cereal Cooked with Dates
Fried Eggs
Toast
Coffee

Christmas Dinner
Celery
Roast Turkey or Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Turnip Croquettes
Cranberry Jelly
Chiffonade Dressed Lettuce
Plum Pudding
Mince and Squash Pies
Coffee
Nuts
Bonbons
Late Supper
Lettuce Sandwiches
Fruit Salad
Cocoa

Decorations for the Christmas dinner table include dainty side-dishes as well as a suitable centerpiece, place cards, etcetera. Small dishes, here and there, filled with extra goodies give the board a festive air. For instance, the following side dishes are attractive:

Curled Celery: Slice a piece of celery three or four inches up its stalk from the lower end, allowing one-eighth of an inch between slices. Lay the celery in cold water till the cut part curls back. Serve. Or treat celery in this manner:

Stuffed Celery: Blend together one tablespoon of cream cheese, one teaspoon of ground nut meats and one-half teaspoon of picadillo. Spread this mixture along the groove of a piece of celery, chill, and serve.

Stuffed Dates: Remove stone from dates and fill cavities with the stuffing just given above for Stuffed Celery. Or use plain cream cheese mixed with a little chopped pimiento or ground red sweet pepper.

Glaze Nuts: Into a saucepan put two cups of granulated sugar, a pinch of cream tartar and one cup of boiling water. Stir, place over moderate heat, bring to boiling point, then continue to boil without stirring till the sirup begins to discolor (if you use a candy thermometer this stage will be reached at 310 degrees Fahrenheit). With a damp cloth, rub off the sugar which clings to the sides of the pan, take pan from range and place it in a large pan containing a little cold water (to stop its boiling). Remove it from the cold water and place it in another large pan which contains hot water; leave it here while you dry any kind of nuts into it, on the end of a hairpin. To dip, simply lower the nuts into the sirup a moment, covering them well, then take out and place, on oiled paper. Serve when dry and cold.

Glaze Fruits: Use the same recipe given above for Glaze Nuts, except that instead of the nuts, you may dip grapes, sections of oranges or drained canned cherries. To dip, make a grape, break it from its bunch, leaving a short stem attached to it, and using pincers to grip this short length of stem while you lower the grape into the sirup.

There are so many appropriate Christmas articles, today, made of paper mache, crepe paper, etcetera, that any housekeeper can group these little Santa Clauses, paper trees, reindeer, etcetera, in the middle of her dining table effectively.

Tomorrow—Games To Play Today

AUDIENCE ENJOYS MUSICAL COMEDY

A fair-sized audience saw "Shuffle Sam from Alabama" colored musical hit, at its one-night performance at the Opera House, Wednesday night. The show was brought to Xenia through arrangements made by the Standard Amusement Company.

The story of "Shuffle Sam," which is interwoven with some of the latest musical hits and dancing numbers, tells of a ragged colored lad in the cotton fields of Alabama whose ambition in life is to have plenty of good clothes, money and diamonds.

The first scene is an apologetic opening in the cotton fields where Sam is working as a cotton picker—he saves a few dollars and goes to the big races at Havana where the second act is laid. On a yacht enroute to Havana, Cuba, he is a funny race horse tout; finally he gets lucky and accumulates a fortune—from where he goes to New York and buys the best cabaret in the city.

Comedy and song are interlaced through the performance.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CHURCH SUNDAY

Christmas program "White Gifts for the King" will be presented at the regular Sunday School hour at Second U. P. Church, Sunday morning.

Dr. Clark, Cleveland, will give an address at the 10:30 service on the Near East relief work. He will give a second address at 7 o'clock.

In Hiding

SIR BASIL THOMSON

Sir Basil Thomson, former head of Scotland Yard and famous trailer of spies during the war, has disappeared from London following his arrest with a woman in Hyde Park.

RECOVER AUTO

Ford truck, owned by Arthur Garfield, W. Church St., stolen from in front of his residence, Sunday night, was found in Dayton, Tuesday. The machine was found in the rear of the National Cash Register Company, undamaged.

Police found no clue to the thief.

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Today's Talks

SLOW STARTERS

You who have watched a race of any kind, know what possibilities often appear latent in the slow starter.

For haven't you been thrilled by seeing that one come in first?

I heard the other day of a business manager who discharged a salesman because he didn't come up to his expectations fast enough. The salesman went to a competitor and made such a good plea for a chance that he was engaged—becoming a star for that firm and taking away a good deal of business from the firm that discharged him.

General Grant graduated at the foot of his class. But he it was who, when at the head of all the Union armies during the American civil war, declared: "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." He it was, too, when the surrender of Lee was enacted, handed back to that gentleman and gallant leader, his sword.

Colonel Nelson didn't start his Kansas City Star until he was 40 years of age—yet when he died, he left it as one of the great institutions of America.

That sweet and beautiful writer, W. H. Hudson, was nearly 70 before the world began to appreciate all that he had suffered in writing and recording the life and habits of the birds and inhabitants of the world of Nature.

It pays to be patient with the slow starter and to encourage him. He may some day replace you.

All great movements for the betterment of the world start slowly. Just a handful of great believers, that's all.

Keep your eye on the slow starter. And if you seem one to yourself, just be patient. Study, concentrate—work. The rest will take care of itself.

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SATURDAY—"HE'S A PRINCE"
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A Joyful Holiday Season,
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CENTRAL TOSSERS LOSE THIRD GAME TO SPRINGFIELD HIGH WEDNESDAY

Central High School basketball team wound up the pre-Christmas cage season by losing their third straight game this time to Springfield High School 29 to 25 at Springfield Wednesday night.

As the score indicates, the contest was close the entire distance with the quintets about evenly matched.

Central players were, as in previous games, gripped with a seeming lethargy in the first half but with the same pep and spirit in other games in the second half, came back to outscore the Reaper City team by four points in the final period.

Central displayed an improved style over last week but Coach Kolb's athletes have yet to really find themselves in basket shooting. Team play is up to the mark but two-thirds of the shots are wasted.

Central has a slow starting team this year it appears, for the first half has been a jinx. Although losing to

Chillicothe, Wilmington and Springfield in successive games, Central in each instance outscored its opponents in the second half.

Springfield gained an early advantage and held it throughout the game. The half found the locals trailing by eight points.

The local five staged a determined rally on the closing moments of the contest and threatened for several minutes to overhaul the home team. Trailing 25 to 18, the Blue and White became suddenly accurate with long shots from the middle of the floor and came within an ace of snatching victory from defeat.

Smith played an exceptionally good game for Central, scoring ten points, a majority in the second half and performing well at guard. Clemans, Stearns and Captain Huston also contributed to the scoring.

Central's next game will be at home January 8 against Greenville and the warm may turn. Lineup and summary:

Central (25)	Springfield (29)
Finlay.....RF.....	Wiles.....LF.....
Stearns.....LF.....	Montgomery.....C.....
Huston (c).....RG.....	Fry (c).....
Smith.....LG.....	Smith.....
Substitutions: Central—Morton for Finlay; Scurry for Huston. Field goals—Central—Smith 5, Clemans 2, Stearns 2, Huston 1, Springfield Wiles 5, Fry 3, Montgomery 2, Patterson 2, Smith 1. Foul goals—Central: Huston 2, Scurry 1, Finlay 1, Clemans 1. Springfield: Wiles 2, Patterson 1. Referee, Compton, Wittenberg College.	

BOYS BARRED FROM SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Four Englewood High School Boys, Bill Thompson, Charles Richardson, Jack Daniels and James Snyder, are barred for ever as amateurs, for their recent playing with the Milwaukee Professional football team. They were barred by the board of control of public athletics at a meeting last night when 23 of the 24 members voted guilty. The other member did not vote.

EAST END NEWS

MRS. JAMES HARRIS

Correspondent

TEL. 91-R

Mr. and Mrs. Orange Ellison, Jamestown Pike, left Thursday morning in company with their nephew, Ralph Jones, to spend the holidays with their children in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gwinn, East Third St., are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Louise Stoffer, to Mr. Herbert Walker, Wednesday, December 23. Mr. and Mrs. Stoffer will be at home after January 1 at 1312 Hawthorne Ave., Columbus.

St. John's A. M. E. Church, R. E. Hutchison, pastor, Christmas plays, "The Quest of Christmas" and "The Radio Christmas," will be given by the Sunday School Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Program committee: Mrs. E. S. Hutchison, Mrs. Clara Corbin, Mrs. Anna Morgan, Mrs. Nona Johnson, Miss Jeanie Green. The church is beautifully decorated, by the committee: Mrs. Lucretia Jones, Mrs. Carrie Ward, Mrs. Cora Lewis, Miss Marjorie Bird, Miss Anna Eckles, Miss Nina Carroll, and Miss Marie Golden. Christmas tree, committee: Mrs. Ophelia Rogers, Mrs. Victoria Lane, Mrs. Minnie Carroll, Miss Carrie Smith, Mrs. R. J. Watkins.

Sunday services at 10:45 with preaching by the pastor. Sunday School at 12:30, featured by a solo by the Rev. R. E. Hutchison. A. C. E. League at 6:30 with special program. The Rev. Mr. Hutchison will deliver his closing sermon of the year at 7:30 pm.

The Edith Randolph Prayer Circle will hold the devotional service at the First A. M. E. Church Christmas morning at 4:30. At 5 o'clock the pastor, Rev. T. C. Hammons will preach. The public cordially invited.

Mr. Hubbard Robinson, of Hall Street, who has been very ill for the past few weeks, has been removed to the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson, East Main Street.

The Rev. Hutchison and wife, in company with Miss Lucretia Jones attended the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Emery, at Ross Chapel, Jamestown, Wednesday afternoon. Also Mrs. Elizabeth Bowen, Mrs. Hattie Corbin and Mr. M. E. Harris attended. The Rev. T. C. Hammons, pastor of the A. M. E. church, this city, preached the funeral discourse. Eureka Court of Calantho No. 20, of which she was a member, turned out in a body and held their ritualistic service.

Third Baptist Church, A. M. Howe, Pastor, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, H. W. Gales, Supt. Special exercises by the School, Mrs. A. McClure in charge. 10:45 a.m. worship and sermon by the pastor. 6:30 p.m., B. Y. P. U., Mrs. Elizabeth Simms, president. This service will be in charge of group leader number

EXECUTOR APPOINTED
Harlen C. West has been appointed executor of the estate of Albert F. Hopkins, deceased, in Probate Court and has filed bond of \$16,500 which was approved by the court. P. M. Stewart, Frank Cure and Fred Kershner were named appraisers of the estate by the court.

DIVORCE GRANTED
Mary C. Sheely has been granted a divorce from David S. Sheely in Common Pleas Court on the ground of gross neglect of duty. The plaintiff was given custody of the child, David, and the defendant was enjoined from interference.

ATLAS HOTEL LOBBY IS BEING ENLARGED
Extensive interior remodeling work in the lobby, halls and rooms in the Atlas Hotel is nearing completion, according to Walter Dorrien, new proprietor.
A partition separating the lobby from an adjacent room has been removed, extending the lobby space for purposes of convenience and accommodation.
Carpenter work has been completed in the building and redecorating work and painting is also in its final stages, according to Dorrien.

TOW BOAT BURNED
Gallipolis, O., Dec. 24.—The towboat John H. Donald, towing coal from the Kanawha river to Cincinnati, burned to the waters edge last night with a \$40,000 loss. The crew reached shore safely.

four, Mr. Wm. Edwards. Watch for program. 7:45 p.m., special Christmas program by the choir. This service will be of unusual interest to all who attend, comprising of readings, solos, duets, quartets, choruses of trained voices, both in and out of the city. All new music. Watch for a more definite program. Come early and get a comfortable seat.

Church Notices

FIRST U. P. CHURCH

E. Market at Collier

James P. Lytle, Pastor.

9:30 a.m., The Bible School, J. A. Finney, Supt. 10:30 a.m., morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Another King—Jesus!" 6:00 p.m., The Y. P. C. U. 7:00 p.m., evening hour of worship. Let us come and kneel before the Christmas Christ!

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Frank W. Stanton, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Closing the old year ought to inspire a large attendance. At 10:30 the pastor will deliver a New Year's sermon upon the subject: "Plain Living and High Thinking." The Choral Society will hold its annual musical festival in the church at 4:00 o'clock.

There will be no evening service. Both the Epworth League and preaching service will be omitted.

A special farewell service for the old year will be held on Wednesday night at 7:30. The entire membership is invited. To the congregation of this church and friends we wish a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

North Detroit at Church St.

David A. Sellers, Pastor.

9:15 a.m., Bible School, W. L. Miller, Supt. The last chance to go to Bible School in the old year, 1925. Don't miss it! 10:30 a.m., Rev. Ralph E. Stewart, pastor of the Baptist Church of Attica, N. Y., will preach for us. You will want to hear him. 7:00 p.m., evening worship; subject: "Angels and Hornets!" 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, prayer and Bible study.

SECOND U. P. CHURCH

Corner West Market and West St.

The Christmas program entitled "White Lights for the King," will be held at regular Sabbath School hour, 9:30 a. m. Everybody welcome to this service. J. H. Nagley, Supt. Church services 10:30 a. m. Dr. Clark will address the people in the interests of the near East Relief work. Young people's meeting 6 o'clock p. m. Dr. Clark will address the people again at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Mrs. R. E. Bryson in charge.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Corner of Bellbrook and Orange Sts.

F. H. Landgrave, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:15. Preaching service at 10:30. Evening service at 7:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Monthly Missionary meeting, Thursday evening at the church at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to all the services of the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

R. E. Brown, Pastor.

Sunday School 9:30. Morning worship, 10:30. Evening service 7. Another Christmas Sunday with Christmas music and sermons. The pastor will preach in the morning on "Jesus, the Fulfillment of Prophecy." At night the subject will be: "The Sunrise of Righteousness." Let us close Christmas week with a day of worship.

TRINITY METHODIST

V. F. Brown, Pastor.

For the last Sunday of 1925 Trinity offers the following, and invites all to come. Sunday School 9:15 a. m. with an excellent orchestra to assist. Public worship with sermon by the pastor 10:30 a. m. on a theme suggested by the closing of the year. Good music. Owing to the Choral Society musical service at the First church at four o'clock, there will not be any further services at Trinity for the day. Midweek service Wednesday seven-thirty. Come.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Market and King Sts.

Rev. W. H. Tilford, Pastor.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; morning preaching service at 10:30, with special choir music. Pastor's subject, "Happy Old Year." Evening services at 7 with sermon subject: "Spies of 1926."

CITY COMMISSION MEETS IN AFTERNOON

Regular meeting of City Commission, the final session for the year 1925, was held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at City Hall instead of the appointed meeting hour Thursday night.
The session was expected to be brief as nothing but closing routine

business of the year was to be transacted. The session marked the retirement from public office of Judge H. L. Smith, president of the body, who has served as a commissioner for four years.

SOCIAL AGENCIES TO CARE FOR NEEDY

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—Twelve thousand needy Cleveland families will receive Christmas cheer through the combined efforts of the Associated Charities and several other organizations.

Six thousand of the families will be taken care of by the Associated Charities, who will donate baskets of food, clothing, and gifts costing approximately \$10 per family.

The remaining 6,000 families will also receive baskets, but from schools, stores, fraternities, clubs, and a few individuals. Inmates of Cleveland hospitals will also celebrate the Yuletide holiday through the efforts of organizations.

The William Taylor Son and company will present gifts to the new children's home and hospital. This store will also send Jack Claus, the clown and magician who is a brother of Santa Claus, to entertain the little ones.

Cleveland will be without the customary Christmas tree in its public square, due to the protest of the director of parks against the destruction of a giant fir tree. However, there will be a band and carol singers in the public square during the day.

COOLIDGES TO HAVE QUIET CHRISTMAS

Washington, Dec. 24.—The spirit of Christmas descended upon the White House today—each mail bringing a deluge of packages containing presents for the President and for Mrs. Coolidge from the American public.

Holly wreaths appeared in the windows of the White House and electric lights were strung across the front portico, ready to be turned on to-night.

President Coolidge will press a button to light a huge tree back of the White House, officially starting the capital's Christmas festivities. In accordance with a New England custom Christmas carols will be sung on the portico of the White House at 9 p. m. by the choir of the President's church. Plans for Christmas in the President's immediate family were meager. Young John Coolidge is here from Amherst College.

No exchange of gifts has been planned. Mr. Coolidge does not share the sentimental view of Christmas which the public has shown toward him.

Christmas Day will be simple and quiet in the executive household. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stearns, who usually join the Coolidges on this day will not be present.

CHICAGO BANDITS DO LAST SHOPPING

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Members of Chicago's crime colony did their last Christmas shopping with guns last night but a check up today by police indicated that the wives and sweethearts of the bandits are not going to find their stockings overloaded.

More than fifty robberies and hold-ups were reported from dusk to day light, but the total loot did not exceed \$5,000.

Police headquarters announced that the number of robberies broke all Christmas records but the amount of the loot was "under normal."

TELEPHONE YOUR WANT ADS

The Peoples Oil Co

WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS DAY

TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS

We Extend Hearty Good Wishes For a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Peoples Oil Co

PARENTS HELD FOR SHOOTING GIRL

Lorain, O., Dec. 24.—Fred Kukas, 38, joined his wife in the county jail at Elyria today as the result of the shooting of his 14-year-old daughter, Anna Drobosky, who is in the hospital here seriously wounded.

The girl was shot following a domestic quarrel at the Kukas home, on a farm near Lorain.

Yesterday Mrs. Frances Kukas, the child's mother was arrested when she said that she had shot her daughter and attempted to kill herself following a quarrel over the child with her husband. She was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

Later, however, a relative of the girl told Sheriff Fred Underhill that the wounded girl had told her she had been shot by the step-father.

Following a conference with County Prosecutor Dow Baird, Kukas was taken into custody. No charge has been placed against him.

"We are holding Kukas for investigation," the sheriff said. Kukas denies shooting the child. He said he disarmed the mother to keep her from shooting herself.

ESCAPED CONVICT RETURNS TO PRISON

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—Claude B. Sweezy, Jr., who escaped from the Nevada State penitentiary at Carson City, was held here today awaiting the arrival of Carson City federal agents.

Sweezy surrendered here late yesterday at the urging of his father, a former warden of the Maryland State penitentiary, Baltimore and during the war, commander of the 79th division.

Sweezy, who was sentenced to the Nevada prison for five years on Mann act charges, walked into the U. S. Marshal's office here, footsore and weary.

"I want to go back to prison," he said.

He was sentenced last June, following his elopement with Mrs. Margaret Speer, wife of a Winchester, Va., music dealer.

The couple went to San Francisco, where they were apprehended by federal authorities.

"We loved each other fondly," Sweezy told officers here "and despite the fact that we were both married, we decided to elope. We wanted to obtain divorces and be married but were arrested before we could accomplish this plan."

WANTED BIG FLAG-- IS SENT TO PRISON

Lancaster, O., Dec. 24.—John Rufe, the 12-year-old foreign boy who was sent to prison because he wanted to carry a big American flag in a school parade, will spend Christmas with his parents at Warren, O.

John was released today from the Boys' Industrial School, here on a writ of habeas corpus.

Hearings on the writ revealed that John was given a tiny flag in the children's parade last fall. He protested, demanding the big flag. An argument followed and John was suspended from school.

Later juvenile court authorities arrested him and he was committed to the school here.

John left for Warren in company of his brother Dan.

SORE LEGS HEALED

Open Legs, Ulcers, Enlarged Veins, Itchiness healed while you work. Write for free book "How to Heal my Sore Legs at Home." Describe your case. A. G. LIPP, 1395 Greene Bay Avenue, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Daily Market News

LIVE STOCK

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

U. S. Yards, Chicago:

Hogs—(Soft or oily hogs, or roasting pigs excluded)—Receipts, 19,000; market, 25c higher; top, \$12; bulk, \$11.15; heavyweight (250 to 350) medium choice, \$10.80 to \$11.30; medium weight (200 to 250) medium choice, \$11.15 to \$11.65; light weight (160 to 200), common choice, \$11.12; light hogs, (130 to 140), common choice, \$11.25 to \$12.25; packing sows, (smooth and rough) \$9.75 to \$10.75; slaughter pigs, (90 to 130) medium choice, \$12.12 to \$12.50.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE & CALVES—Steers (1500 up) good choice, \$10.50 to \$12.50; choice, \$11.25 to \$13.50; good, \$9.65 to \$11.50; medium, \$8.50 to \$9.85; Steers (1100 down)—Choice, \$11 to \$12.75; good, \$9.40 to \$11.25; medium, \$8.25 to \$9.65; common, \$6 to \$8.50.

LIGHT YEARLING STEERS AND HEIFERS—Good and choice (850 lbs. down) \$8.75 to \$12.

HEIFERS—Good and choice (850 lbs. up) \$7.60 to \$10.75; common and medium (all weights) \$6 to \$7.75.

COWS—Good and choice, \$6 to \$8.50; common and medium, \$4.25 to \$6; canners and cutters, \$3.40 to \$4.25.

CALVES—Medium to choice, \$5.50 to \$8.

VEALERS—Cull to choice, \$6 to \$12.75

FEEDERS & STOCKER CATTLE—Steers (common to choice) \$5.60 to \$6.75.

LAMBS—Light and handy weights (84 down) medium choice, \$14.50 to \$16.50; cull and common (all weights) \$12 to \$14.50.

EWES—Common to choice, \$5.50 to \$9; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$5.50.

Feeding lambs (medium choice, \$15 to \$16.50.

PITTSBURGH

Cattle—Receipts, light; market, slow; choice, \$10.25 to \$10.50; good, \$9.50 to \$10; fair, \$7 to \$8; veal calves, \$14 to \$14.50.

Sheep and Lamb—Receipts, light; market, slow; prime wethers, \$9.50 to \$10; good, \$8.75 to \$9.50; fair mixed, \$6.50 to \$7.50; yearling lambs, \$12 to \$16.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 1 double; market, higher; prime heavy, \$11.90 to \$12; mediums, \$12.40 to \$12.50; heavy Yorkers, \$12.50 to \$12.75; light Yorkers, \$12.75 to \$13; pigs, \$12.75 to \$13; roughs, \$9 to \$10; stags, \$5.50 to \$6.50.

CINCINNATI CATTLE MARKET
Cattle—Receipts, 150; market, slow Steers, good to choice, \$9 to \$10.50.

Calves—Market, steady; good to choice, \$11.50 to \$12.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,000; market, slow; good to choice packers and butchers, \$12.

Sheep—Receipts, 100; market, steady; good to choice, \$6 to \$8.

Lambs—Market, steady; good to choice, \$15.50 to \$16.

DAYTON

Receipts 4 cars; market 10c higher Heavies, 200 lbs. up 11.35 Mediums, 130-200 lbs. 11.35 Pigs, 40 lbs. down 8.00 to 10.50 Stags 5.00 to 7.00 Sows 8.00 to 10.00

CATTLE
Receipts 8 cars; market steady. Best fat steers 8.50 to 9.00 Veal calves 6.00 to 11.00 Best butcher heifers 6.50 to 7.50 Best butcher heifers 6.00 to 8.00 Best fat cows 5.00 to 5.50 Medium cows 3.00 to 4.00 Bologna cows 2.00 to 2.50 Bulls 4.00 to 5.50

SHEEP
Spring Lambs 8.00 to 13.00 Sheep 4.00 to 5.00

XENIA

(Faulkner and St. John)
Hogs—Heavies \$10.25; mediums \$11.00, pigs \$11.00; sows \$8.50, stags \$5.00.

Cattle—Butcher steers \$5 to \$7; butcher heifers \$5 to \$6; stock heifers \$4 to \$5; fat cows \$4 to \$4.50.

Sheep \$4 to \$5; lambs \$8 to \$12; year calves \$10.

GRAIN

Flour and Grain

(By the Durst Milling Co.)
(Prices being paid for grain at mill.)

Wheat, No. 1, New, \$1.75.
Rye, No. 2, 90c per bu.
Corn, 90c per 100 lbs.
New oats, 37c per bushel.

XENIA

(Corrected Daily)

(By the DeWine Milling Co.)
(Buying Price)
No. 1, Timothy Hay, \$17.
Rye, No. 1, Timothy Hay, baled, \$16.
New Yellow Corn, 53c.
No. 2 Red Winters, \$17.00.
Middlings, \$2.00 cwt.

No. 2, New White Oats, 35c.
No. 2, Rye, 75c.
Flakey wheat bran, \$2.00 cwt.

PRODUCE

CLEVELAND PRODUCE

POULTRY—
Heavy express fowls, 27 to 28c.
Leghorns, 29 to 32c.
Leghorn springers, 29 to 30c.
Cocks, 16c.
Heavy young ducks, 30 to 32c.
Geese, 22 to 24c.
Turkeys, 50 to 52c.
Old toms, 35 to 38c.

BUTTER—
Extra in tub lots, 50c.
Extra firsts, 46 to 46 1/2c.
Firsts, 46c.
Packing stocks, 32c.

EGGS—
Northern Ohio extras 55c.
Northern Ohio extra firsts 46c.
Ohio firsts 43c.
Pullet eggs, 32 to 33c.
Western firsts 42 to 43c.

Cheese—
Old York State old 29 to 30c.
Old York State, new, 29 to 30c.
Limburger 27 to 30c.
Swiss fancy, new, 52 to 55c.
Brick, 25 to 27c.
Imported, 52 to 53c.

LETTUCE—
Hothouse leaf \$1.05 to 1.25 per 10 lb. basket.
California, \$2.75 to \$4.
Arizona, \$2.75 to \$4 per 10 lb. basket.

ONIONS—
Spanish \$1.25 to 1.30 per crate.

POTATOES—
Ohio, 22 to 23c per bushel.
Idaho, \$3 per box.
Colorado 55 per 100 lb. sack.

DAYTON PRODUCE

Eggs and Poultry

Eggs, 48c. dozen.

Retail Prices
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CAMERA NEWS



Borah Trains on Bridle Paths for Strenuous Senate Sessions



William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of senate foreign relations committee, is getting in trim on Washington bridle paths for world court fight. He spends an hour or two in the saddle daily. He is seen in Rock Creek Park on a favorite mount.

Jeritza Feeds Lonely Babies



The famous Metropolitan Opera singer, who gave a benefit for the Loving Arms Day Nursery in New York, where babies are cared for while their mothers work, visited the institution to see the little ones for whom she sang.

College Beauty Wins Vocal Honor



Alice Dowell, known as Wittenberg College's prettiest girl, also is its favorite singer. She has just been elected president of Ohio Girls Intercollegiate Glee club council.

Hiking Deft



One thousand dollars have been posted by Lillian Connally, of Springfield, Mass., she challenges Eleonora Sears, society athlete, who walked from Providence to Boston, to match her step. "Set the date," said Miss Connally, "and I will toe the mark with you."

Singular Senegalese Slain



Battling Siki, most eccentric of prizefighters, was slain off Broadway, New York, a bullet cutting him down. The Senegalese, a real fighting man, who served in the French army, and later knocked Carpentier out, was the clown of the ring. His antics brought him to the bar of justice many times. He was under orders of deportation when slain.

Busy Winter for Royal Sterk



LADY MOUNTBATTEN, DUCHESS OF YORK & PRINCESS MARY.

Additions to the British royal family are expected in the next few months. Lady Louis Mountbatten, whose husband is a nephew of King George and Queen Mary, expects an heir shortly. The Duchess of York is soon to become a mother, and the Princess Mary, who is Viscountess Lascelles, has retired to Newmarket to await the arrival of a little visitor.

Ruth Scores in Charity Drive



BABE RUTH AND MISS GERTRUDE BOURQUE.

The Bambino proved he was there in a pinch when he handed a bunch of yellowbacks to Gertrude Bourque for St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, where the Colossus of Clout has been a frequent guest in his many illnesses.

Actor Accuses Wife in Triangle; Sues After Early Morning Raid



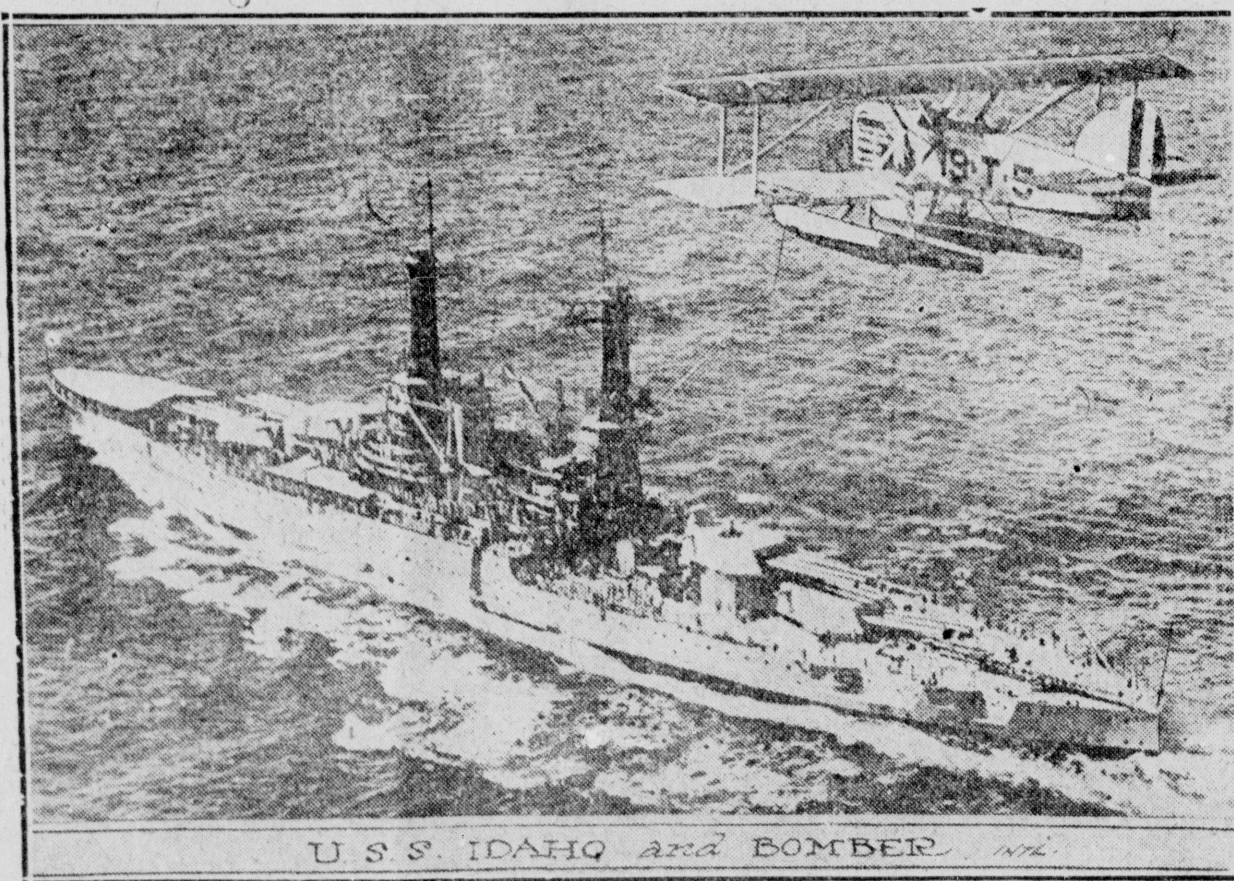
Lionel Atwill (inset), noted actor, is suing his actress wife, Elsie Mackay, for a divorce, following an early morning raid on an apartment in which, police say, Mrs. Atwill was found with Max Montesole, her leading man. The actress (above) has not made a statement. She sailed for Europe a few days ago on the same boat as Montesole.

Sports Type Coats and Velvet Frocks Hold Favor



The sports type of coat has had much popular appeal this season. The unusual model (left) is made of henna velour collared and cuffed in raccoon with a smart checkered facing. Another pet of the season—the black velvet dinner gown (right) has as its only touch of color a brilliant rose posed at the waist. Upper center is a large hat for southern wear or early spring in a delicate lavender shade faced with flowered georgette crepe and banded with velvet in deep violet color.

Uncle Sam Examines Navy's Eyes



U. S. S. IDAHO AND BOMBER.

Acting as oculist, a second seaplane snatched the giant bomber and the U. S. S. Idaho as they sped along out at sea, the battlecraft of the air moderating its pace to the warship ploughing through the waves.

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TO PHONE NO. 111.

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Special rate for yearly advertising upon request.

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Personal Notices

MARRY IF LONELY—Home Maker, hundreds rich, confidential; reliable; 20 years experience; descriptions free. "The Successful Club," Mrs. Nash, Box 556 Oakland, California.

TAMPA DAILY TIMES, TAMPA, FLA.—thousands read the classified pages of Florida's Great Daily. Rates 2 cents a word, minimum 25 cents cash with order. Write "or complete rate card."

TO REACH PROSPEROUS—farmers advertise in the Sanford (Florida) Herald circulating among substantial farmers with money to spend. Ten cents per six word line. Sample copy on request.

FLORIDA—to reach the prosperous Florida and farm growers of Volusia County advertise in the Deland Daily News. Classified rate 10¢ per word minimum 25¢ cash or stamps with order.

CHATEL LOANS—notes bought. Second mortgages. John H. Baine, Allen Building. Phone 374-R.

Lost and Found

STRAYED OR STOLEN—extra large black hound, marked on both ears, heavy tail. Phone J. H. Peterson, Box 13, Spring Valley.

LOST—Sunday Dec. 13 on Columbus Ave. a black leather traveling bag marked "C. M. A." Phone 4075-R-3, Howard.

Professional

INSURANCE—in all its branches. See Ray Cox, Xenia, Phone 182.

Male Help Wanted

LEARN BARBERING—highest paid profession in which men can enjoy. W. W. MOULDER, BARBER COLLEGE, 206 E. 4th, Cincinnati.

OPPORTUNITY

State and County Distributors
Exclusive or in Conjunction
with Other Staple Lines

Lac-Kote

Manufacturers of the above named product, desires to communicate with all parties who are interested and of financial responsibility to market and distribute this EXCLUSIVE PRODUCT.

A Connection will net a live wire better than \$15,000.00 annually.

The Line sells to all classes of merchants, manufacturers and paint shops, dealing in or manufacturing Household or Automotive Specialties or Supplies, and has a large annual turnover.

This is not a job for job hunters. Certain qualifications must be met. The man who will be selected must have organization and sales ability. Success must not go to his head.

Thorough Co-operation and backing will be extended the man we select.

Our employees know of this ad. Address your replies with absolute confidence giving full information of yourself to

**GENERAL SALES MANAGER
CELANULOID PRODUCTS CO.
36 West Randolph St.
Lac-Kote Division Chicago, Ill.**

Male or Female Help

DRIVING HORSE—quiet for any work. Also closed buggy. Phone 740-W-2.

Work Wanted

PICTURE FRAMING—let us frame your pictures for Christmas. Graham's Paint Store, Whitman St.

HEMSTITCHING—done at Regan's Embroidery Shop. First door on East Second St.

FOR FOOT SPECIALIST—Call 472-W 718 or 1173-W. Margaret Watkins Hardoon.

Wanted to Buy 10
SOW, PIGS AND SHOATS—Phone 4078-12.
FURS—highest prices paid for raw furs. Bear of Ervin Feed Store every day in week. F. S. Ellisen.
WANTED—dew yellow ear corn. Call DeWine Milling Co. Phone 164.
MAKE A RESOLUTION—this New Year's to own a car. Here are some bargains: 2 1924 Star touring; 1922 Star sedan; 1923 Star touring. Johnson Motor Sales, 109 W. Main St.
GAS RANGE—good condition. Cheap. Bake Rite Bakery, E. Main St.

"Not Possible To Classify"

By Mack Sauer

"Cut the idle chatter and give us another McGuffey selection," says Editor Bull of the Cedarville Herald. Very well, very well, so be it. As I recall this one went something like this:

XI—FORTY YEARS AGO

I wandered back to Hamilton, Tom
And slept upon the bed,
Within the very same structure
That you once laid your head;
But none were left to greet me, Tom,
Of those you used to know.
For these bed bugs weren't even born
Back forty years ago.

Today I stopped to get a bite
Of strident steak to eat,
And, Tom it didn't only take
But one bite of that meat
Before I knew it was a part
Of an ox that made us go
From out your father's berry patch
Some forty years ago.

My eyes are growing dim now,
I find it hard to see,
But still that ain't so bad, Tom,
For I am eighty-three.
Just today I bought a paper—
An evening one you know—
And there I read the news we read
Back forty years ago.

Now some are in dry old wells,
Some went for wildcat stocks;
But few are left for me to spend—
In fact, I'm on the rocks,
And when my time shall come, Tom
I know I still shall owe
That forty bones I got of you
Some forty years ago.

Don't forget the Saturday bath. And it's just as important to remember to phone Classified ads to Phone 111.

FIRE IT BACK!

If you found
An auto tire,
Read the ads and quickly fire
It back.

Do you prefer a business career to an idle life at home? Positions in offices are offered in The Gazette's "Help Wanted" column from day to day. Read every ad in the "Help Wanted" columns.

REALLY!

Sometimes we rest,
Sometimes we shirk
But Classified Ads
Forever work.

Autos for Sale

USED CAR BARGAINS—one 1922 Chevrolet coupe, one 1924 Chevrolet coupe, Green County Auto Sales.

FORD COUPE—good condition. Price reasonable. Inquire 109 E. Church St.

XMAS BARGAINS—one 1925 coupe, 1924 coupe, 1921 sedan, 1921 roadster, 1921 roadster, also some cheap touring cars. E. A. Mink, Cedarville, O.

Auto Parts—Repairing

AUTO PART—for all models. F. W. Hughes, West Market and Dayton Hill. Phone 153-W.

GEORGE HOLSTEIN—Auto mechanics, parts for all cars. S. Collins St. Phone 337.

Miscellaneous for Sale

FERRITES—for sale. Call 716-W. Columbus Ave. C. H. Wright.

SPECIAL PRICES—on pot plants, wreaths, cut flowers and trees at City Meat Market, J. Schardt & Sons.

WALL PAPER—quite a few room lots. Just enough to do a room. The prices are very low. GRAHAM'S.

INTERNATIONAL BAKER—bakes 14x 16 inches. John Harbaine, Allen Building, Xenia, Ohio.

ONE WESTERN—Electric farm light plant and one extra set of batteries. Priced right if sold during the holidays. Phone 429-W-3.

WASHING MACHINES—Dexter copper or wood tub, gasoline and engine power. Huston-Bickett Hardware Co.

MOVING PICTURE—machine. Will make fine Christmas present. Priced to sell immediately. Philip Aultman, 236 N. Detroit St.

FURNITURE UPHOLSTERED—repairing, refinishing. Fred Graham's S. Whitman St.

SOOT DESTROYER—25¢ a box. A small article with big results. Cleans your stove and pipes without taking them down. THE DOCKLEY & King Co., 415 W. Main St.

DAISY AIR GUNS—lowest prices in city. O. W. Everhart, 113 E. Main St.

BEDS—tables, all kinds of used furniture, fire proof safe, stoves. Saturday afternoons only. John Harbaine, Allen Building.

FRUIT CAKE—just the thing for that Xmas dinner. At Home Bakery.

GET IT AT DONGES

Poultry—Pets—Livestock

FULL BLOODED—Barned Rock Chickens. J. C. Clemmer, 740-W-1 Phone.

FOR SALE—real bargains in overcoats, slightly worn, but good. 3015 W. Main St. Upstairs.

POULTRY—wanted, all sizes. Don't sell until you call phone 164 Cedarville. Reverse phone charges. Wm. Marshall.

FRESH COW—with fourth calf. Phone 1011-R-2.

Poultry—Pets—Livestock

COW—a good cow with fourth calf by side. W. N. Ankeny. Phone 4005-R-3.

Houses for Rent

5 ROOM HOUSE—With 2 car garage or stable. Large garden, pays the rent; also 7 room house, inside conveniences. \$18. M. J. Bobb, 32 E. Market St.

MODERN APARTMENT—at 48½ W. Main St. Phone 184-W or call 16 E. Church St.

5 ROOM BUNGALOW—strictly modern, newly painted, \$17.00 a month. Xenia Shoe Manufacturing Co.

5 ROOM APARTMENT—with bath, close in, hot and cold water, electricity. Call 111.

Miscellaneous for Rent

FOR RENT—two rooms, good office suite; second floor. Call Gazette Office.

Farms for Sale

ANY FARMER—owning 40 or more acres can borrow money from my company AT FIVE PER CENT INTEREST. Write to W. L. Clemens Loan Agt. Cedarville, Ohio.

TOM LONG—real estate man I will sell your farm and city properties or will loan you money. See me. No. 9 West Main Street

Auction Sales

HAY AND STRAW—in carload lots, bought and sold. Speedy custom baling guaranteed. C. C. Turner, phone 4667-F-11.

J. H. WRIGHT—Auctioneer. Call at the American Restaurant, W. Main St. Phone 1016.

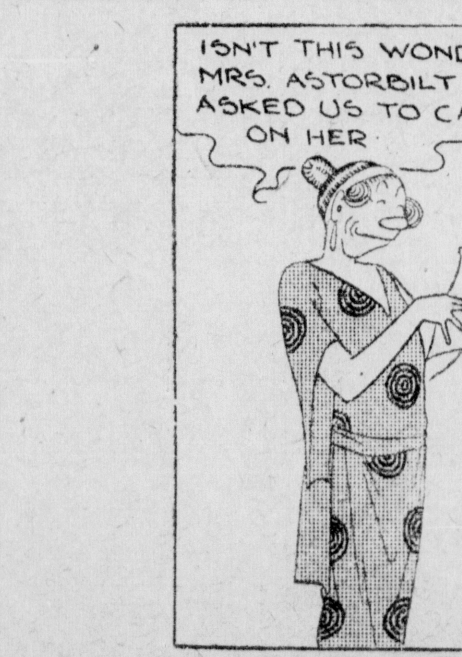
AUCTION SALE

On Thursday, December 26th, 1925, at three o'clock p. m. I will offer for sale at public auction at my farm located at the junction of the Union Road and Wilmington Pike south of Xenia, Ohio, the following: two cows; one mule; one horse wagon; one breaking plow; work harness; wagon wheels. Terms cash. John Harbaine, Jr., Allen Building, Xenia, Ohio.

SHE WAS AFRAID TO SLEEP

"For a year I was afraid to sleep because gas (from stomach) collected around my heart. Now I take Adierka once a week and have not been bothered since." (signed) Mrs. E. Cole. Adierka removes gas in TEN minutes and brings out old waste matter you never thought was in your system. It is such an excellent intestinal evacuant that it is wonderful for constipation and all stomach trouble. Stops that full, bloated feeling and makes you happy and cheerful. No matter what you have tried the REAL action Adierka will surprise you. Sayre & Hemphill, 8 S. Detroit St. Cedarville, C. M. Ridgway.

BRINGING UP FATHER



Christmas Gift Suggestions

GIFTS FOR HER

LADY GRAY TOILETAIRES—Face powder, talc, creams, etc. Gold compact. 75¢. Silver compact \$1.75. Eleanor Dimmitt Beauty Shop.

LIKLY—LUGGAGE—Best made. O. W. Everhart, 113 E. Main St. Phone 626.

XMAS TAGS—Geyer's Book Shop.

LADIES LEATHER—hand bags. Priced \$2.00 and \$3.00. Get one for Xmas. D. D. Jones, Druggist, East Main St.

VARIETY—quality and price means the Famous Cheap Store.

CANDLES—Geyer's Book Shop.

ROSES—exquisitely perfumed, narcissus, the faintest sweetest gift you can give her. J. Schardt, Florist, Bellbrook Ave.

MAYTAG WASHERS—make excellent Xmas gifts. Small to proud to find one in her home. Xmas. Maytag Sales Co., E. 2nd Street.

XMAS SEALS—Geyer's Book Shop.

A TINTED—hand painted electric table lamp for her. Eichman & Miller, Church St.

OLD LADIES—warm lined shoes at Sanz's Shoe Store, 22 East Main St.

XMAS BOXES—Geyer's Book Shop.

A SINGER—portable sewing machine would make a fine Christmas gift for mother. 26 E. Market.

SUTTONS—Removal sale—Dec. 12th. Make this a musical Christmas.

EXQUISITE POWDERS—and rouges for ladylike, fineness in texture, you can't get elsewhere. Sayre & Hemphill.

AN INSURANCE POLICY—accident or life, makes a worthwhile gift. May Cox, Insurance Agency.

TOYS—Geyer's Book Shop.

WELL-SHOD FEET—are a personal asset. Your appearance can be marred or made by smart footwear. S. and S. Shoe Store.

A HOME—for her. T. C. Long, 9 W. Main.

BOOKS—Geyer's Book Shop.

A BEAUTIFUL—white gold wrist watch makes an ideal Christmas present for her. L. A. Wagner.

CLOTHING—blankets, comforts, and jewelry on weekly payments. Xenia Mercantile Co., Gazette Bldg., 2nd floor.

GIVE HER—a Coffied Electric Washer. Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, or Quick Meal Gas Range, Adairs.

STATIONERY—Geyer's Book Shop.

FRAGRANT BLOSSOMS—make lovely gifts. Order potted plants or cut flowers early. Engle Floral Co. Phone M. 388.

Gifts for Him

SHEEP LINED—coats, 15 only to sell for \$9.49. Famous Cheap Store.

A SPOTLIGHT—to make night driving safer; a practical gift for him. Xenia Auto Necessary.

COLLEGIANS—who buy only the best looking shoes, get them at the S. & S. Shoe Store.

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SUTTONS—Removal sale—Dec. 12. Make this a musical Christmas.

COATS—pocket knives, pocket books. O. W. Everhart, 113 E. Main, phone 625.

SMOKES—the kind he likes best. Cigars, pipes, cigarettes. Let us help you select. Roy Hayward.

GIVE HIM—a carton of cigarettes for Xmas. He'll like them. Leo Canny's Billiards.

FORD—emergency kits, rear vision mirrors, windshield wipers. Bryant Motor Sales Co.

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RADIO—Geyer's Book Shop.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

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ALARM CLOCKS—carving sets, etc. O. W. Everhart, 113 E. Main, Phone 626.

HOLIDAY SLIPPERS—all styles, all sizes at Sanz's Shoe Store, 22 East Main St.

NO MORE—drudgery. What a nice Xmas present! Get a Maytag washer. Maytag Sales, E. 2nd St.

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A \$19.50—Kodel Home-Charger, 5 ampere capacity, \$13.75. Famous Auto Supply.

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CHARACTERS—coffee—coffee that is unequalled for that fragrant cup for your Xmas dinner. Dunkels.

FRESH FRUITS—of all kinds and fine line of Christmas candies. Low prices. Ammer Confectionery, E. 2nd St.

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FRESH—country sausage; cooked like mother cooks it; the place for home-cooked foods. Atlas Restaurant.

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DISTINCTIVE GIFT—cards and Xmas greeting cards. Exclusive line, finely engraved, dainty. Geyer Book Shop.

ROASTS—steaks, soups, vegetables, well cooked, seasoned and flavored. The best menu in town. American Restaurant.

CHAS. GEORGE—Says, come to the National Restaurant, W. Main St. Coney Islands, Mexican Chili and home made pies.

SUTTONS—Removal sale starts Dec. 12. Pianos, radio sets, all musical instruments reduced just in time for Xmas.

SOUPS—the best homemade soups in town, nourishing and delicious. At the American Restaurant.

NUTS—of all kinds; mixed nuts at low prices. Oranges, all sizes, low price. Xmas trees, spruce and evergreen from Wash. state, all sizes. Ed Nichols Fruit Store.

KIDDIES WILL GET CHRISTMAS TREATS
Candy, oranges, apples, bananas and nuts, to be given kiddies of the city Christmas morning by H. E. Prince and Bert Smith at the N. N. Hunter automobile sales room, South Detroit Street, are on display at the auto agency.
Due to a misunderstanding by telephone, yesterday's announcement of the "party" read that Christmas "trees" would be given away to the children instead of a "treat."

RADIO PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

Ether's White-Caps

7:00 WGR (319) Buffalo—The Larkinties Surprise Program.
8:00 WGY (380) Schenectady—Royal Program "The Messiah".
9:00 KTHS (375) Hot Springs—"Latin-American Serenade" Program.

11:45 KSD (546) St. Louis—Midnight Xmas Mass from the Old St. Louis Cathedral.

Silent Stations

Eastern: CFCF, CNRA, WAAM, WAHG, WCAP, WLIT, WOO, WOR, WTAM. Central: KFAB, KFDM, KFJ, KFVO, KFVE, KSD, WHA, WOS, WSM, WSLU, Western: KGW, KLN.

EVENING CONCERTS

WNYC (526) N. Y. Studio.
KDKA (563) Pittsburgh. Farm program.
WGBS (517) Detroit. Symphony orchestra.
WCAO (524) Columbus. Vocal.
WLS (245) Chicago. Ford & Glenn.
WJZ (322) Springfield. Musical.
WMBR (236) Chicago. Semi-classical.
WEAR (309) Cleveland. The Larkinties Four.
CKAC (410) Montreal. Special Christmas Program.

WABC (483) New York. Xmas Carol Service.
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JOHN JACKSON DIES SUDDENLY WHEN IN STORE WEDNESDAY

John A. Jackson, 76, near Roxanna, fell dead in the Derrick and Elbeck Grocery, Bellbrook Ave., where he had stopped to make some purchases, Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. C. G. McPherson was immediately called but death was instantaneous. Death was due to a sudden attack of heart trouble from which he has been a sufferer for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson came to Xenia early in the afternoon on a shopping trip and to pay a visit to their daughter, Mrs. John Hubbard. Mr. Jackson was born near Spring Valley but lived the greater part of his life in Xenia until he moved to the Evans farm near Roxanna three years ago. He was employed by the Hoover and Allison Company for thirteen years until his health failed. He was a member of the Mt. Holly M. E. Church.

Surviving is his second wife, Jennie; one daughter and one son by his first marriage, Mrs. Chame Holton and Edward Jackson, this city; two children by his second marriage, Mrs. John Hubbard and Ernest Jackson, Xenia; one brother, David, Xenia; two sisters, Mrs. John Coffelt, Spring Valley and Mrs. John Hodge, Springfield; twelve grand children and three step-grandchildren. Five children are dead.

The body was taken to the home of his son, Ernest, Charles St., Xenia, where funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in Woodland Cemetery.

PRESBYTERIAN HEAD WILL TOUR SOUTH

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Dr. Charles R. Erdman, Princeton, N. J. Moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, will spend two weeks during January visiting synods in the South. It was announced here by Dudley M. Clagett, district secretary of the program and field activities of the synod.

Dr. Erdman will meet with Synodical Committees and make addresses on his trip, the itinerary of which follows:

January 10, Lexington and Danville, Ky.; January 11, Louisville; January 12, Nashville; January 13, Knoxville; January 14, Corinth, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn.; January 15, Clarksville, Ark.; January 17, Tulsa and Muskogee, Okla.; January 18, Waxahachie and Dallas, Texas; January 19, Fort Worth; January 20, Oklahoma City; January 21, Wichita, Kans.; January 22, Kansas City; January 23, St. Joseph, Mo. and January 24, Kansas City.

MAYOR'S TREE FUND FOR CITY'S KIDDIES

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—This city's poor will be taken care of at Christmas time as in past years—by the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

Contributions are solicited to the fund, beginning early in December and the total runs as high as \$35,000 or \$40,000.

A huge Christmas tree in Convention Hall provides children of poor people with toys, candy and the like. The remainder of the money is used to buy clothing, food and fuel for destitute families. These gifts will be distributed tomorrow.

COLDS THAT DEVELOP INTO PNEUMONIA

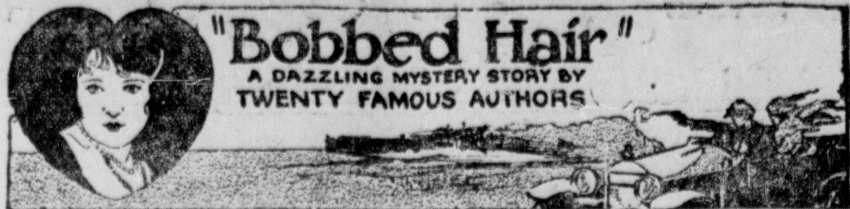
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Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfactory in the treatment of persistent coughs and colds, bronchial asthma, bronchitis and other forms of respiratory diseases, and is excellent for building up the system after colds or flu. Money refunded if any cough or cold is not relieved after taking according to directions. Ask your druggist. Creomulsion Company, Atlanta, Ga. (adv.)

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"Bobbed Hair"

A DAZZLING MYSTERY STORY BY
TWENTY FAMOUS AUTHORS

CHAPTER XX—Continued
"Just a minute first, please, Aunt Celimena." The note of quiet decisiveness in Connemara's voice focused attention. Palpably some new sensation was imminent.

As they watched her where she stood beyond the doorway, leading to the porch, with a quick little gesture Connemara threw off the bandeau which bound her head. Her hair—her glorious, gilded hair—tumbled down, its well-kept secret revealed at last. Revealed, that is, but partially. For the light was so tantalizingly dim in the shadows, and the moonlight so discreetly pale.

"Ah!" There was triumph in the ejaculation of Bingham Carrington as he rushed to Connemara from one side—the triumph of victory. "Bobbed, by God!" he cried.

Saltonstall Cabot Adams crowded forward on her other hand, seeking the secret's answer as a stray wisp of moonbeam lit the portion of the girl's head that met his anxious eyes. He saw that the lovely hair still reached her shoulder, and beyond. He had won!

"Not bobbed!" cried Salt fervently. "Not bobbed, thank God!"

"Thank fiddlesticks!" It was Connemara, irreverent, biting. Then all at once she softened. Putting out her arms she took Bing's nearest hand in one of hers, and Salt's in the other.



Connemara threw off the bandeau which bound her head.

"Bing dear, Salt dear," she said, her voice richly happy. "You're both right, and"—she laughed in their puzzled faces—"truly I don't want to be mean, old dears, but—" She stopped there for a moment, with a little excited intaking of her breath. Then, with a would-be glance from the shadows into the full light of the moon, "You see, in a way, you're both right. Also—look—you're both wrong!"

They looked again, and saw. On one side of the hair of connemara was bobbed. On the other its luxurious fullness was untouched.

"I told you," Connemara continued, very matter-of-factly, "that if I bobbed it meant Bing; if not, I chose Salt. Well, you see, dear boys, when that blessed barber got started I had a funk and made him stop right in the middle. I just didn't know. Then I had to keep the awful mess hidden. I thought that perhaps by midnight I could make up my mind. And then, all at once, I realized positively that I simply couldn't. That was impossible. Perhaps—" she smiled brightly at the disconsolate men—"perhaps it was because I liked each of you too well to be willing to give him up, even for the other. Anyway, I ducked out. You know what's happened since—this madhouse night we've all had."

"A word admirably chosen, Connemara," said madhouse, "Aunt Celimena added judiciously."

"Admirably," Connemara agreed sweetly. "After all, Aunt Celimena, it was you who really started it all with that edict of yours that I'd have to announce my engagement by midnight or lose Moorelands."

Aunt Celimena sniffed. "In a way, you've done that already, my dear. The important thing is your marriage by October."

"Exactly," Connemara agreed once more.

Came then, as the movies have it, an interruption unexpected, in the person of David Lacy.

"Why wait until October?"

A startled silence followed. A brief silence, all at once broken by Connemara's mischievous laugh.

"Why, indeed?"

With which curious comment Constance Mary Moore stepped boldly—even brazenly—across the intervening yard of moonlit porch to stand close beside Lacy.

"May I?" He bent toward her. "Just a minute. First, ladies and gentlemen, and whatever, let me announce my engagement . . . to Mr. David Lacy."

Aunt Celimena nodded her head rigidly. "No news to me." Then a smile softened the old lady's face. "This time are you sure, Constance Mary?"

"Quite." "That"—Aunt Celimena spoke with the deliberation of an oracle—"that is all I wanted. Young man, I congratulate you." With which Miss Celimena Moore gathered her dressing gown about her gaunt shoulders, as regally as angular spinsterhood in dishabille permitted, and left the company to its own devices.

Without waiting for the exhibit to be completed, David Lacy slipped his arm about the girl beside him. Her head suddenly rested on his shoulder. The perfumed glory of the hair of Connemara, half long, half short, brushed his cheek warmly, intoxicatingly. Then two strong hands grasped her shoulders and Connemara found herself swung out at arms length facing him, his fine level eyes burning into hers, his smiling mouth inviting. . . .

"Oh, David—" Connemara's happy, choked little gasp ended incoherently, as Lacy's lips met hers.

"The guy," opined Sweetie judiciously, "is no slouch. Ah! They're comin' up for air at last!" Saltonstall Cabot Adams coughed. Or it may have been Bingham Carrington—certainly one of the two. A distinctly self-conscious cough.

David Lacy turned toward them, his glance on his arm. He held out his hand. "Won't you congratulate me?" he asked. "Better than that—congratulate me!" It wasn't her hand which Connemara held out, but her lips. And first Bing, then Salt kissed her. "You dear boys!" she cried. "Please, will you both be our best man—best men, I mean?"

"The wedding," added Lacy, "is this afternoon."

At which point the dour McTish contributed his first mite to the galloping conversation. "A' verra grand," he burred, "and my pleasure is to make the first wedding present. Here it is." From somewhere about him the little Scotsman extracted the pretentious roll of bills Lacy had received from Connemara after the talk with Sweetie in the moonlit sitting room. "The fifty grand!" exclaimed Sweetie. "Pete's sake, how that can change hands!"

"The same. It's coming to my friend Lacy, anyway—it's his capture. As the rest of that precious lot has cleaned out, except this Sweetie girl. . . ."

"Oh, she's staying with me," Connemara interposed. "Aren't you, Sweetie?"

To which that young woman vehemently replied, "Unanimous." "Them being gone, as I said, it's easiest to forget 'em," McTish continued. "The gang's broken up, an' there'll be a reorganization of the Shanghai Line noo. Anyway, out o' the roll Lacy can fix up the loss of the Bloody Nuisance and a' the rest o' it."

"I knew it right along!" gurgled Connemara ecstatically. "Tear up the child, I have the papers! And to think it could have happened in Connecticut."

"Long Island mostly," corrected Lacy. He added, "and Autueil."

Her eyes smiled into his. "Autueil. I remembered you when I first got in the car. I remember your mother too—charming men have charming mothers, don't they? Connecticut? Autueil? Everywhere—always!" She sighed dreamily. "The happy ending. . ."

"The happy beginning!" Whatever reply she may have intended to that final interpolation of his was quite completely crushed from her, as David Lacy drew her to him.

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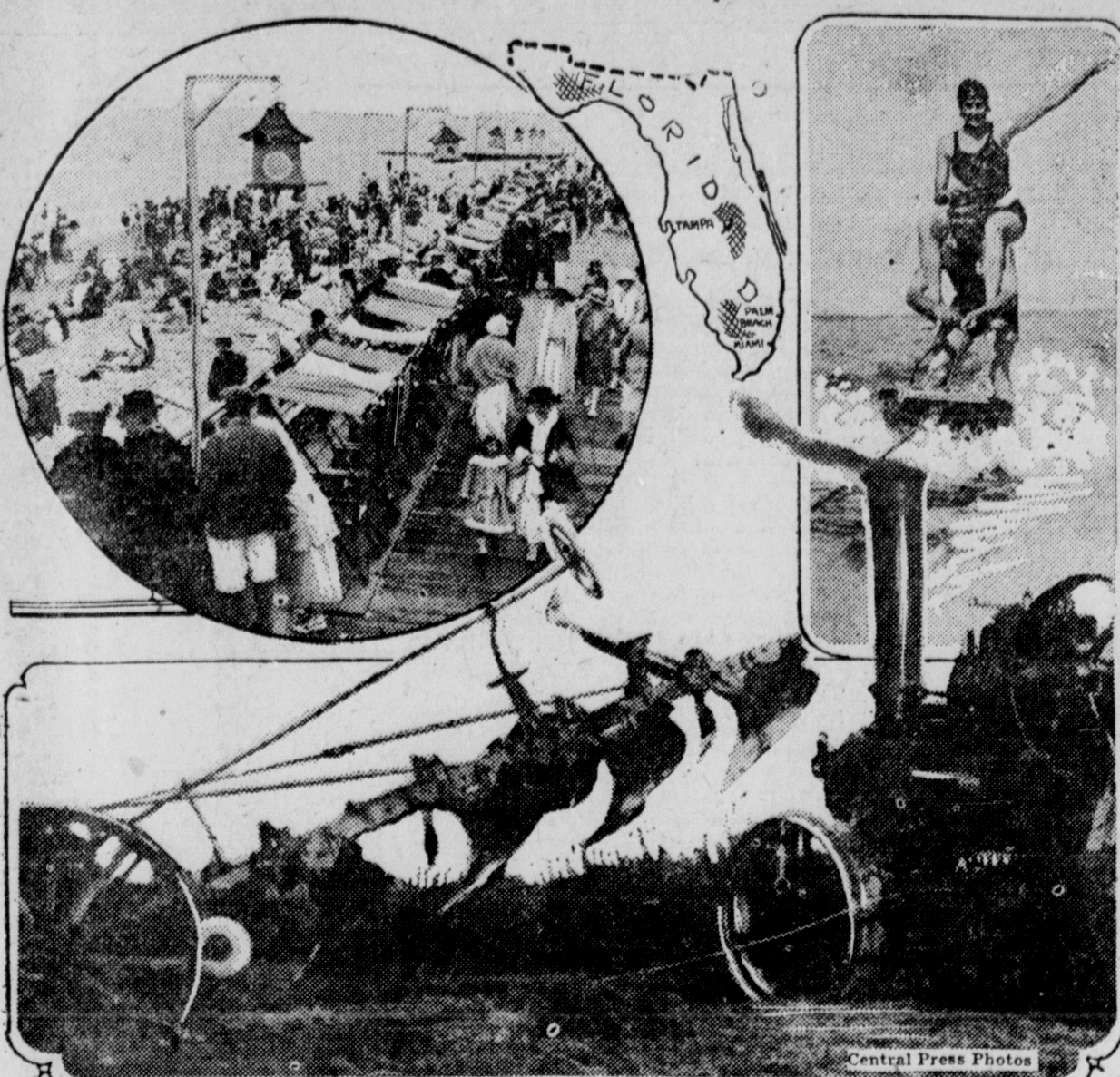
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Florida Looks for Greater Development After "Boom"



The photos illustrate the two phases of Florida growth, the pleasure resort development and agricultural extension. The lower picture shows machinery at work reclaiming the Everglades for the plow. Cross-lines on the map indicate centers of the new agricultural activity.

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 24.—The real development of this state is yet to come. It will begin, Florida's bankers believe, when the gambling subsidies and the state's agricultural and industrial resources become the center of attention, rather than the pleasure resorts. They observe that California went through the same process of development.

To far-sighted bankers and business men of the state the activity now manifest on every side, the invasion of the state by speculators from all parts of the country, are the spectacular stages of a movement which is destined to settle down to a steady growth, if a slow one, a genuine development of natural resources as yet scarcely realized even by the majority of residents, and not at all by the army of visitors whose well-nigh unanimous purpose is to get rich quick by a lucky speculation in land.

These men realize that prices, in many instances have been driven upward by no other agency than the sheer force of competition to points which have discounted any development the future is likely to hold in store for years to come. They deplore the state-wide gamble in land as a movement good neither for those who take part in it nor for the state as a whole.

Outsiders to "Hold the Bag" Fortunes have been made by some of these speculators, and the tales of their good luck have been broadcast through the land. But virtually every dollar that has been taken out of Florida had been brought there by someone else. Ultimately the amazing profits will be paid by the unlucky final owners who find there is no market for the parcels they purchased at prices far beyond any possible capitalization of the land's earning power.

With a territory larger than New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined, Florida has a population of little more than 1,250,000. The three northern states have more than 15,000,000. There are 35,000,000 acres of land in the state. Fewer than 7,000,000 acres have been reclaimed from forest and swamp.

Farming Develops. There are the Everglades, the richest agricultural soil in the United States, probably, if means could be found to drain it of the water which annually inundates 5,000,000 acres. And these means have been found. Drainage and pumping are reclaiming land on which an average annual yield from crops worth \$500 is considered assured and on which much larger amounts an acre have been earned. Modern methods of mosquito control have eliminated the dread of malaria and yellow fever.



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Other parts of the state where there are large areas of virgin land are witnessing the same activity.

Strenuous efforts are being made to balance Florida's development along culturally and as a resort with an industrial development at this time.

Even now Florida produces manufactures having a value of more than \$200,000,000 annually and manufacturing can be and is being stimulated by community effort both to bring more manufactures into the state and to intensify the production already there. Lumber and timber, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, shipbuilding, turpentine and resin—these are the big items of Florida manufacture, although furniture, clothing and potteries are growing industries.

TO BAR PUBLIC FROM CHEMICAL MEETING

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—The public will be barred from the annual equipment exposition of the American Chemical Society which will convene here May 10 to 15 to further the interests of chemistry.

More than 3,000 delegates from all parts of the country are expected to attend. The chemists may use the displays as laboratories and will require an abundance of room. This is said to be why the public will be barred.

Among the delegates who will attend are heads of industrial plants, engineers, industrial and research chemists, technical educators and students. This will be one of the biggest expositions of its kind ever held in Cleveland.

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THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

Program, December 27, 1925.
Solo, Instrumental—Mary Young.
Recitation—Lena Garrette.
Solo—William Montgomery.
Recitation—Hannah Allen.
Solo—Laura Walker.
Recitation—Mrs. B. L. Harris.
Solo—Hallie May McCormick.
Selection—William Jefferson.
Subject—"No Room," William Ellis.
Group Leader, William Nichols.

A Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year to the citizens of Xenia. May the New Year be a happy and prosperous one for all of us. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our city officials, may they guide us through the New Year as well as they did through the past one.

Jacob Kany

GAS BUGGIES—Gaze Upon Our Noble Philanthropist



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